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SUBJ: PROPOSED TRAVEL OF IR. ADNAN KUSUMA,
PRESIDENT-DIRECTOR OF INDONESIAN STATE
COAL COMPANY

REF: A. STATE 39435 AND PREVIOUS

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1. SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUESTED. WOULD APPRECIATE
DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSING PROGRAM OF VISITS FOR ADNAN
KUSUMA INCORPORATING ACTIVITIES MENTIONED BELOW. MAJOR
U.S. EXPORT OPPORTUNITIES POTENTIALLY INVOLVED.
END SUMMARY.

2. EMBASSY HAS PASSED ALONG TO IR. ADNAN INFORMATION
REF A TOGETHER WITH PRELIMINARY PROGRAM FOR COAL
CONGRESS IN PITTSBURGH 4-7 MAY AND REGISTRATION FORM.
HE PROMPTLY REPLIED WITH LIST OF VISITS HE WOULD LIKE
TO MAKE, SOME OF WHICH INSPIRED BY PROGRAM OF NINTH
WORLD ENERGY CONFERENCE LAST SEPTEMBER IN
DETROIT. FACILITIES HE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT INCLUDE:

A. MINE-MOUTH KEYSTONE GENERATING STATION

B. MUSKINGUM MINE, OHIO, "WHERE WORLD'S
BIGGEST DRAGLINE IS UNCOVERING COAL FOR DELIVERY TO
POWER STATIONS BY ALL-ELECTRIC TRAIN"

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C. NORFOLK & WESTERN PIERS, "LARGEST AND FASTEST

COAL-LOADING FACILITIES IN THE WORLD," AND

D. BACK TO WASHINGTON.

E. ENROUTE HOME VIA LOS ANGELES, VISIT PEABODY
COAL CO. STRIP MINE AND SENDING END OF A COAL SLURRY
PIPELINE

F. NAVAJO GENERATING STATION WITH "LATEST AIR
POLLUTION CONTROL"

G. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION EXHIBIT IN BOULDER CITY.

3. IR. ADNAN HAS IN ANOTHER CONNECTION (REF B)
SPOKEN OF GOI INTEREST IN RECLAMATION OF AREAS BARED
BY SURFACE MINING AND IN THE CONSTRUCTIVE SOCIOLOGY
OF INTRODUCING A NEW MINE TO AN UNDER-DEVELOPED
AREA IN SUCH A WAY AS TO MINIMIZE FRICTION AND MAXIMIZE
BENEFITS TO LOCAL INHABITANTS. WE THEREFORE THINK IT
MIGHT BE WELL-RECEIVED IF DEPARTMENT COULD PROPOSE ALSO
MEETINGS WITH PERSONS HAVING SPECIAL EXPERTISE IN
THESE FIELDS, AND POSSIBLY VISITS TO SITES WHERE LESSONS
THE INDONESIANS MIGHT APPLY CAN BE LEARNED (MAYBE BOTH
GOOD AND BAD EXAMPLES).

4. WE BELIEVE ADNAN'S PROGRAM CAN CONTRIBUTE TO OUR
DOWNSTREAM EFFORTS TO ASSURE FOR AMERICAN MINING EQUIPMENT
AND ENGINEERING SERVICES APPROPRIATE ACCESS TO THE
MARKET REPRESENTED BY THE PROBABLE RAPID EXPANSION OF
COAL MINING HERE. (PROJECTS NOW IN PIPELINE INVOLVE EXPENDITURES
WELL OVER \$1 BILLION.)
MOREOVER, ADNAN WOULD BE KEY CONTACT FOR ANY
INPUT USG MIGHT WISH TO MAKE ON COAL MARKETING QUESTIONS.
WE THEREFORE HOPE FORTHCOMING VISIT WILL
PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIM TO KNOW COLLEAGUES IN
FEDERAL ENERGY AGENCY, BUREAU OF MINES, OFFICE OF COAL
RESEARCH, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, AND GEOLOGIC
SURVEY, AS WELL AS LEADING AMERICAN CONSULTANTS--IN
GENERAL TO FORM PROFESSIONAL TIES IN THE UNITED STATES
THAT MAY BE USEFUL TO HIM AND TO US IN THE LONG RUN.
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5. WOULD HELP IR. ADNAN IN PLANNING AND ASSURING
MINISTER'S SUPPORT FOR HIS TRIP IF DEPARTMENT CAN RATHER
PROMPTLY PROPOSE A TENTATIVE PROGRAM WITH INDICATIONS HOW
MUCH TIME MIGHT BE DEVOTED TO EACH ACTIVITY. WE WILL THEN
FOLLOW UP AS SOON AS COMMITMENT TO DATES CAN BE OBTAINED.
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